BACKGROUND PAPER NO. 1

# A DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW OF THE NATIVE POPULATIONS IN ALBERTA

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## PREFACE

"A Demographic Overview of the Native Populations in Alberta" is the first in a series of background papers which will be made available by the Native Affairs Secretariat. These papers are intended to provide useful background information to the reader with an interest in aboriginal matters.

The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the demographic and social characteristics of the aboriginal populations in Alberta. The paper seeks to compare the situations of aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples along a variety of dimensions including age and geographic distribution, education, labour force activity and income. In certain instances, regional comparisons are provided as well.

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Although the majority of the information included in the paper is derived from the 1981 Census of Canada data which became available in late 1983 and early 1984, the Alberta Native Affairs Secretariat accepts responsibility for the data selected and for any errors or omissions which may have occurred. We would welcome any comments from the reader.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Statistics in this report illustrate a number of important demographic trends that help describe a socio-economic profile of Alberta's Native population. Highlights of this profile include:

- Alberta's Native population is fast growing. It is increasing at a rate three times that of the Canadian general public.

- It is young. Forty-two percent of Alberta Natives were under the age of 15 in 1981 compared to 24 percent for the non-Native population.

- Alberta's Native population is becoming increasingly urban. Over 40 percent of the total Native population resides in Alberta's major urban centres. Nearly 60% of the Metis and non-status Indian population live in cities.

- Within the urban communities, Natives demonstrate a much higher degree of permanency than previously considered. Sixty-two percent of the Native population in Edmonton had resided in the City in 1981, for five years or more. In comparison, 70 percent of the non-Native population responded that they had resided in the City five years or more.

  The statistics did reveal however that within the urban setting, Natives did demonstrate considerable mobility.

- Most Natives in Edmonton reported their birthplace as within Alberta contrasted to 50 percent of the non-Native populations that reported being born outside of the province.

- According to the 1981 Census, non-Natives were significantly better educated than Natives. However, Natives are achieving higher levels of educational attainment over time.

- Only one quarter of Natives under 65 years of age were employed in June, 1981.

- Unemployment rates for rural Natives were nearly four times higher than those of rural non-Natives.

- Urban Natives are in better financial health than rural Natives. No income was reported by 27 percent of rural Natives as opposed to 16 percent for urban Natives.

- Forty-one percent of all Native people 15 years and over reported either no income or government transfer payments as their major source of income in 1981.

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## I. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

The historic population counts of the various Native subgroups (Status Indians, Non-Status Indians, Inuit, Metis) for Canada and the current counts for Alberta and other provinces are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

As displayed in Table 1, these subgroups have increased at varying rates since 1941, the last Census in which Metis were identified. The Inuit population increased by 252%, the Status and Non-Status Indian population by 210% and the Metis by 177%. Despite several waves of immigration the total Canadian population grew by only 109% in the same period since World War II.

Table 2 and Figure 1 show the distribution of Native persons in Alberta by status. These data derived from the 1981 Census indicates that the total Native population in Alberta was 72,050. Of that total, 510 individuals identified themselves as Inuit, 35,810 as Status Indian, 8,595 as Non-Status Indian and 27,135 as Metis.

The Native population is distributed unevenly throughout Alberta (see Table 3 and Reference Map 1). While nearly two-thirds of the Native population reside in the southern half of the Province, Native people represent a much higher proportion of the total population in the northern half of the province, particularly in Census Divisions 12 and 15. It is important to note, however, that over 40% of the total Native population resides in or around the urban centres of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray. When the Metis and Non-Status Indian populations are considered alone, this figure increases to 51%. Figure 2 shows the proportionate distribution of Native and Non-Native populations in northern, urban and smaller urban and rural areas.

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The 1981 Census data on Native populations was obtained from the ethnicity questions directed to a 20 percent sample of private households. The questions provided for multiple responses which may have resulted in some confusion and misinterpretation particularly among Metis respondents. In addition, some distortion may have resulted from sampling and weighing techniques, especially in smaller communities. Nevertheless, while the total population counts may be under reported, the trends which are displayed in the data should not be affected. A copy of the ethnicity question is provided as Appendix I.

Tables 4 and 5 show the size and population of Indian Reserves and Metis Settlements in the province. It should be noted that the Band population figures in Table 4 include members of the Bands residing off-Reserve.

Population projections prepared by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs indicate that approximately 22% of the registered Indian population in Alberta resided off-Reserve in 1977. This figure is expected to rise to 32% by the year 1991 (see Table 6 and Figure 3).

As Figure 4 and Table 7 illustrates, the age compositions of the Native and non-Native populations in Alberta differ significantly. Forty-two percent of the Native population was under the age of 15 in 1981, compared with 24 percent of the non-Native population.

A comparison of the urban and rural Native populations (Table 8), shows some minor differences in age composition, with a higher proportion of urban Natives in the 20-34 age group. This might be explained in part by the increasing number of further educational and employment opportunities which became available in the cities throughout the 1970's at the time this group reached working age. It should be noted that the proportion of urban Natives under 15 years of age remains significantly higher than that of the non-Native population.

As Figure 5 illustrates, 62% of the Native population in the City of Edmonton had resided in the City for five or more years in 1981. A much smaller proportion, 16% had resided in the same dwelling. By comparison, approximately 70% of non-Natives in Edmonton had resided in the City for five or more years. A Gallup poll conducted for Alberta Education in May of 1984 estimates that now over 85% of all Edmontonians have lived in the City for five or more years. The data suggests that, contrary to "conventional wisdom", the urban Native population exhibits considerable permanency. On the other hand, Native people appear to be highly mobile within the City. A more detailed analysis of Edmonton's native population is currently being undertaken which will, in part, shed more light on these two phenomena and the policy implications which they may entail.

It is interesting to note as well that 31% of the Native population in Edmonton reported their place of birth as being outside Alberta in 1981 (Figure 6). Approximately 50% of Edmonton's non-Native population was born outside Alberta.

Table 1

**NATIVE PEOPLES, CANADA, 1931 - 1981**

| CENSUS YEAR | TOTAL POPULATION | TOTAL NATIVE PEOPLE | INUIT (ESKIMO) | NATIVE INDIAN | | | METIS (MIXED NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE ANCESTRY) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | TOTAL | STATUS INDIAN | NON-STATUS INDIAN | |
| 1931 | 10 376 786 | 128 890 (1) | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 1941 | 11 506 655 | 160 937 (2) | 7 205n | 118 316 | N.A. | N.A. | 35 416 |
| 1951 | 14 009 429 | 165 607 (3) | 9 733 | 155 874 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 1961 | 18 238 247 | 220 121 (3) | 11 835 | 208 286 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 1971 | 21 568 311 | 312 765 (4) | 17 550 | 295 215 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 1981 (6) | 24 083 496 | 491 460 (5) | 25 390 | 367 810 | 292 700 | 75 110 | 98 260 |

(1) INCLUDES NATIVE INDIAN, INUIT AND PERSONS OF MIXED NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE ANCESTRY TRACED ON THE MOTHER'S SIDE.

(2) INCLUDES NATIVE INDIAN, INUIT AND PERSONS OF MIXED NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE ANCESTRY TRACED ON THE FATHER'S SIDE.

(3) INCLUDES NATIVE INDIAN, INUIT AND SOME PERSONS OF MIXED NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE ANCESTRY LIVING ON INDIAN RESERVES OR TRACED ON THE FATHER'S SIDE.

(4) INCLUDES NATIVE INDIAN AND INUIT ONLY, TRACED ON THE FATHER'S SIDE.

(5) INCLUDES NATIVE INDIAN, INUIT AND SELF-REPORTED METIS, TRACED THROUGH BOTH PARENTS.

(6) EXCLUDES INMATES.

N.A. NOT AVAILABLE OR NOT PUBLISHED.

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census.

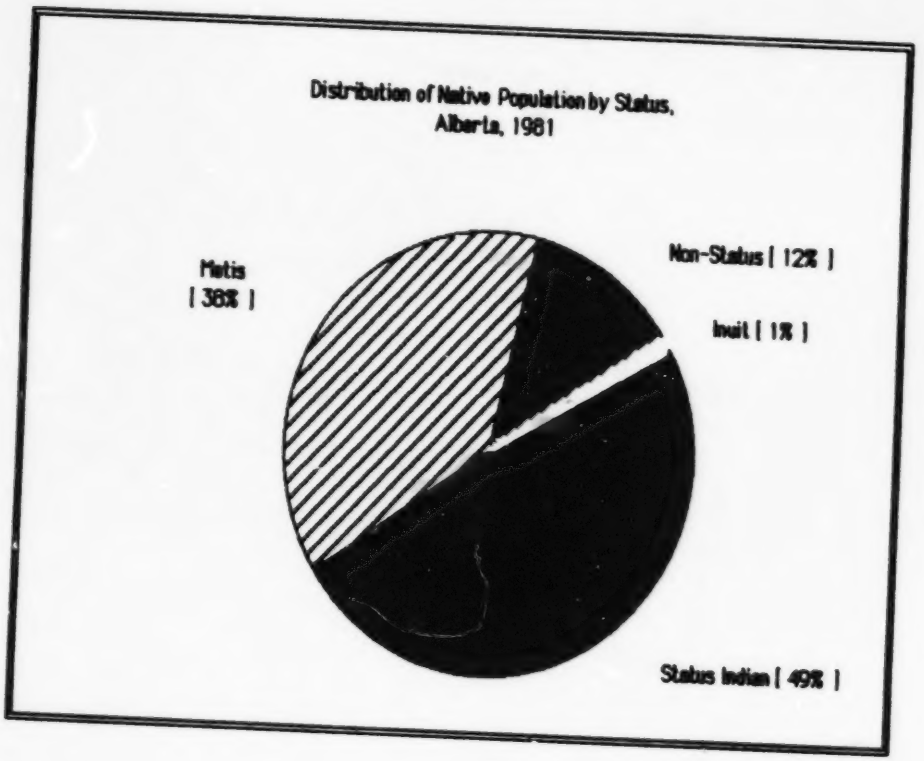
Table 2

NATIVE PEOPLES BY TYPE, CANADA AND PROVINCES/TERRITORIES, 1981

| AREA | TOTAL (1) POPULATION | TOTAL NATIVE POPULATION | INUIT | STATUS INDIAN | NON-STATUS INDIAN | METIS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CANADA | 24 083 496 | 491 460 | 25 390 | 292 700 | 75 110 | 98 260 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 563 747 | 4 430 | 1 850 | 1 010 | 1 185 | 385 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 121 223 | 625 | 30 | 400 | 140 | 50 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 839 801 | 7 795 | 130 | 5 905 | 1 155 | 605 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 689 373 | 5 515 | 5 | 4 235 | 865 | 415 |
| QUEBEC | 6 369 068 | 52 395 | 4 875 | 34 400 | 5 810 | 7 310 |
| ONTARIO | 8 534 263 | 110 060 | 1 095 | 70 190 | 26 090 | 12 600 |
| MANITOBA | 1 013 703 | 66 280 | 230 | 39 710 | 5 855 | 20 485 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 956 441 | 59 200 | 145 | 37 470 | 4 135 | 17 455 |
| ALBERTA | 2 213 651 | 72 050 | 510 | 35 810 | 8 595 | 27 135 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 2 713 615 | 82 645 | 515 | 54 085 | 19 085 | 8 955 |
| YUKON | 23 074 | 4 045 | 95 | 2 770 | 990 | 190 |
| NORTHWEST TERRITORIES | 45 537 | 26 430 | 15 910 | 6 720 | 1 205 | 2 595 |

(1) EXCLUDES INMATES.
Source: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census.

Figure 1

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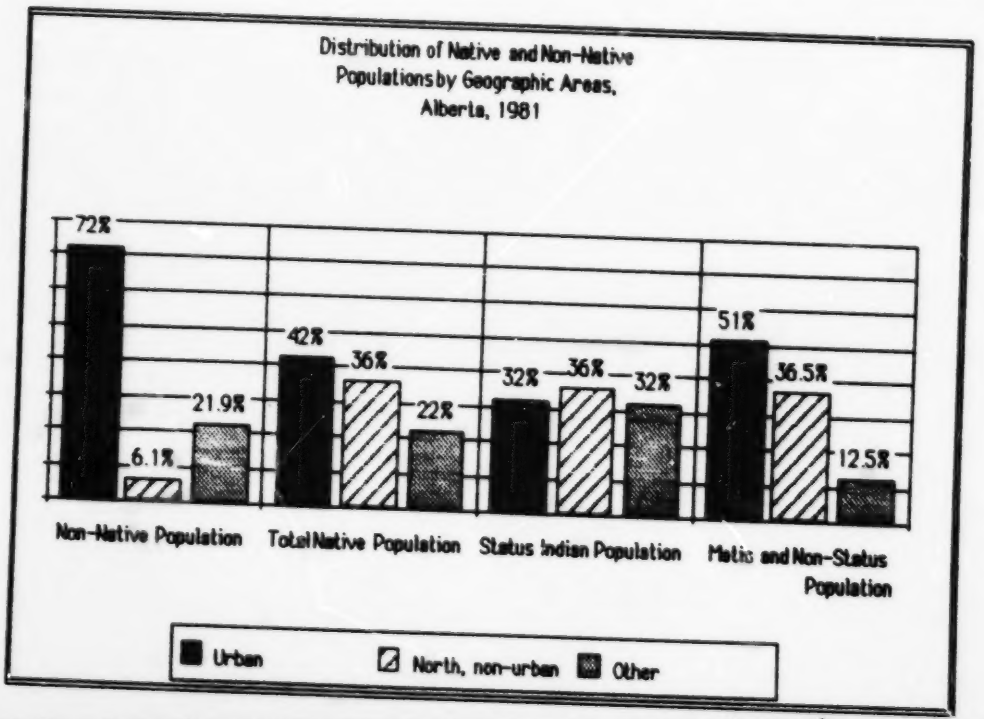

Table 3

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF NATIVE POPULATION BY CENSUS DIVISION
ALBERTA, 1981

| CENSUS DIVISION | TOTAL POPULATION (Alberta) | NATIVE POPULATION | NATIVES AS A % OF TOTAL POPULATION | NATIVES AS A % OF TOTAL NATIVE POPULATION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 55,375 | 430 | 0.8% | 0.6% |
| 2 | 110,477 | 1,575 | 1.4% | 2.2% |
| 3 | 35,652 | 4,480 | 12.6% | 6.2% |
| 4 | 12,119 | 85 | 0.7% | 0.1% |
| 5 | 38,382 | 2,170 | 0.6% | 3.0% |
| 6 | 668,662 | 8,970 | 1.3% | 12.5% |
| 7 | 40,071 | 200 | 0.5% | 0.3% |
| 8 | 123,642 | 4,240 | 3.4% | 5.9% |
| 9 | 21,670 | 275 | 1.3% | 0.4% |
| 10 | 78,417 | 1,055 | 1.3% | 1.5% |
| 11 | 762,041 | 17,570 | 2.3% | 24.4% |
| 12 | 84,221 | 11,985 | 14.2% | 16.6% |
| 13 | 53,701 | 1,835 | 3.4% | 2.5% |
| 14 | 24,635 | 785 | 3.2% | 1.1% |
| 15 | 128,639 | 16,400 | 12.7% | 22.7% |
| TOTAL | 2,237,724 | 72,055 | 3.2% | 100.0% |

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, 1981 CENSUS

Alberta
CANADA

# CENSUS DIVISIONS
# MUNICIPALITIES
## 1981

Coloured areas with black numbers denote Census Divisions.
Solid lines and numbers denote boundaries of 1981 Municipalities.

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Table 4

NUMBER OF RESERVES, LAND AREA AND BAND POPULATION
BY BAND, ALBERTA, 1983

| BAND | NUMBER OF RESERVES (a) | ACREAGE (a) | POPULATION (b) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blood | 2 | 354,667.0 | 6,039 |
| Blackfoot | 1 | 175,406.0 | 3,107 |
| Stoney | 4 | 120,154.0 | 3,416 |
| Peigan | 2 | 112,656.0 | 1,919 |
| Saddle Lake | 2 | 74,949.5 | 4,031 |
| Dene Tha | 7 | 74,224.0 | 1,309 |
| Sarcee | 1 | 67,399.0 | 708 |
| Little Red River | 2 | 60,471.0 | 1,494 |
| Ft. Chipewyan | 8 | 52,398.7 | 315 |
| Bigstone | 6 | 52,276.0 | 2,013 |
| Frog Lake | 2 | 46,618.4 | 900 |
| Cold Lake | 3 | 46,193.0 | 1,045 |
| O'Chiese | 2 | 34,280.2 | 367 |
| Samson | 2 | 34,007.2 | 2,876 |
| Ermineskin | 1 | 25,441.0 | 1,480 |
| Sturgeon Lake | 3 | 22,359.6 | 838 |
| Kehewin | 1 | 20,261.0 | 859 |
| Paul | 3 | 18,112.0 | 886 |
| Alexander | 1 | 17,990.0 | 716 |
| Boyer River | 2 | 17,483.0 | 336 |
| Driftpile | 1 | 15,688.0 | 754 |
| Alexis | 1 | 15,259.0 | 730 |
| Beaver Lake | 1 | 15,185.0 | 305 |
| Sucker Creek | 1 | 14,794.0 | 672 |
| Fort McKay | 3 | 13,465.0 | 226 |
| Enoch | 1 | 12,933.5 | 846 |
| Sunchild | 1 | 12,894.0 | 466 |
| Whitefish Lake | 3 | 11,966.2 | 666 |
| Heart Lake | 1 | 11,110.0 | 106 |
| Swan River | 2 | 10,670.0 | 267 |
| Tall Cree | 3 | 9,206.0 | 364 |
| Louis Bull | 1 | 8,345.5 | 744 |
| Ft. McMurray | 4 | 7,965.0 | 140 |
| Horse Lake | 2 | 7,658.0 | 177 |
| Montana | 1 | 6,980.0 | 439 |
| Duncan's | 2 | 5,995.0 | 58 |
| Sawridge | 2 | 5,296.0 | 42 |
| Janvier | 1 | 4,034.0 | 265 |
| Grouard | 3 | 1,089.0 | - |
| Lubicon Lake | - | - | 174 |
| Cree | - | - | 1,030 |
| Two or more Bands | 1 | 4,750.0 | - |
| TOTAL | 90 | 1,622,630.0 | 42,377 |

SOURCES: (a) Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Program Statistics Division, 1977.

(b) Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Reserves and Trusts, Alberta Region, December, 1983.

Table 5

ALBERTA METIS SETTLEMENTS, LAND AREA AND POPULATION, 1983

| SETTLEMENT | ACREAGE (Acres) | POPULATION |
|---|---|---|
| Kikino | 115,200 | 671 |
| Caslan | 92,160 | 655 |
| Paddle Prairie | 414,720 | 644 |
| Gift Lake | 207,360 | 482 |
| Elizabeth | 69,120 | 416 |
| East Prairie | 80,640 | 336 |
| Fishing Lake | 97,920 | 325 |
| Big Prairie | 207,360 | 294 |
| TOTAL | 1,284,480 | 3,823 |

SOURCE: February, 1984 Alberta Municipal Affairs, Metis Development Branch, (unpublished).

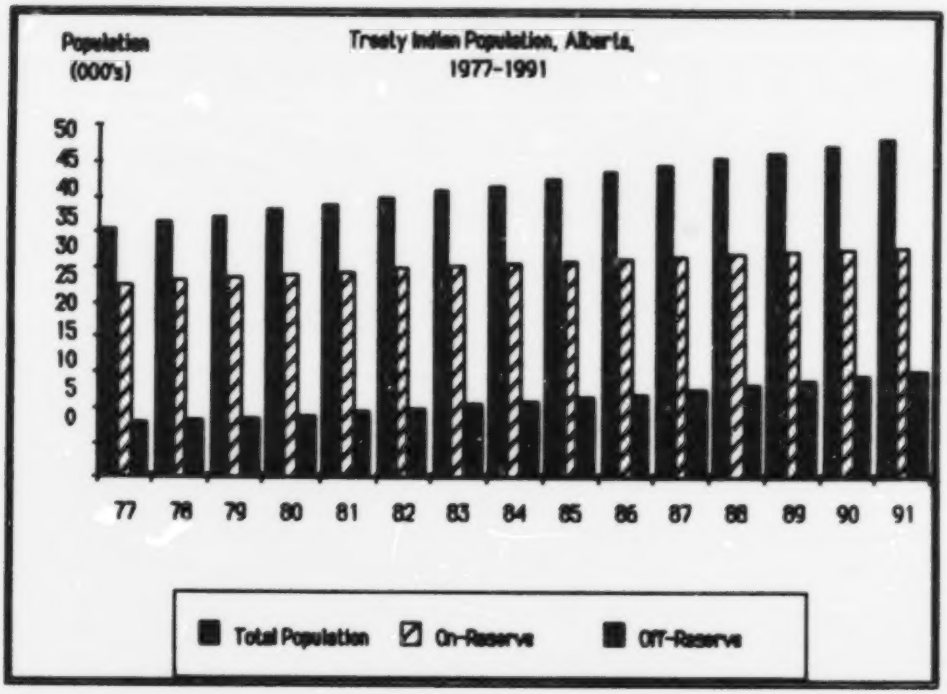
Table 6

TREATY INDIAN POPULATION, ALBERTA, 1977 - 1991

| | ON-RESERVE | OFF-RESERVE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1977 | 27,773 | 7,785 | 35,558 |
| 1978 | 28,203 | 8,168 | 36,371 |
| 1979 | 28,632 | 8,579 | 37,211 |
| 1980 | 29,043 | 9,028 | 38,071 |
| 1981 | 29,462 | 9,487 | 38,949 |
| 1982 | 29,882 | 9,966 | 39,848 |
| 1983 | 30,284 | 10,481 | 40,765 |
| 1984 | 30,688 | 11,001 | 41,689 |
| 1985 | 31,061 | 11,566 | 42,627 |
| 1986 | 31,432 | 12,142 | 43,574 |
| 1987 | 31,792 | 12,736 | 44,528 |
| 1988 | 32,131 | 13,357 | 45,488 |
| 1989 | 32,455 | 13,998 | 46,453 |
| 1990 | 32,762 | 14,658 | 47,420 |
| 1991 | 33,052 | 15,335 | 48,387 |

SOURCE: Background Monograph Series, Economic and Employment Development Task Force - 1979, Indian and Inuit Affairs.

Figure 3

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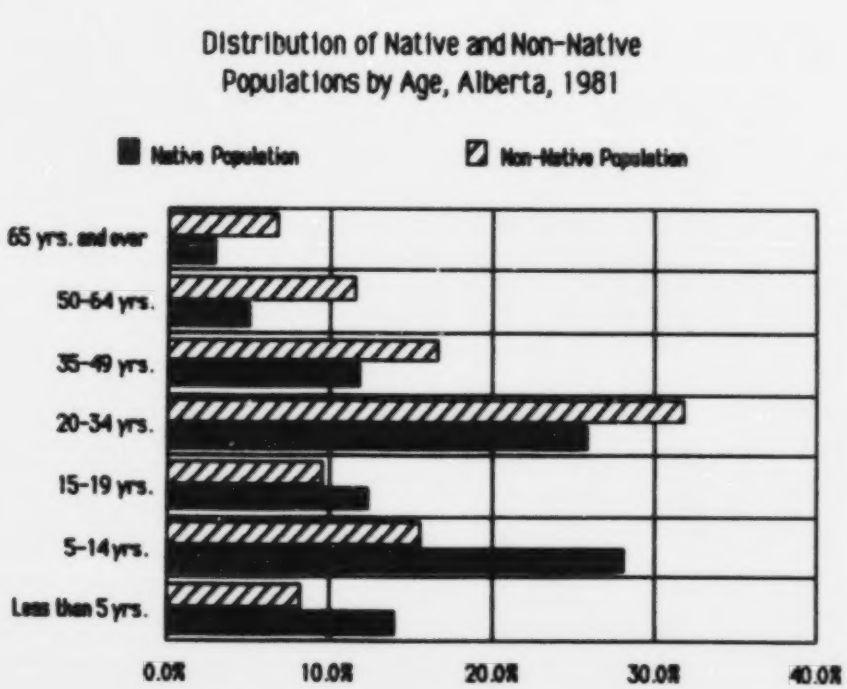


Table 7

DISTRIBUTION OF NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE POPULATION
BY AGE, ALBERTA, 1981

| AGE | NON NATIVE POPULATION | | NATIVE POPULATION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NUMBER | % | NUMBER | % |
| Less than 5 yrs. | 177,880 | 8.3% | 10,110 | 14.0% |
| 5 - 14 yrs. | 332,905 | 15.5% | 20,140 | 28.0% |
| 5 - 19 yrs. | 204,415 | 9.5% | 8,950 | 12.4% |
| 20 - 34 yrs. | 679,205 | 31.8% | 18,575 | 25.8% |
| 35 - 49 | 355,150 | 16.6% | 8,475 | 11.8% |
| 50 - 64 | 247,565 | 11.6% | 3,675 | 5.1% |
| 65 and over | 144,485 | 6.7% | 2,115 | 2.9% |
| TOTAL | 2,141,600 | 100.0% | 72,050 | 100.0% |

Source: Statistics Canada. 1981 Census

Table 8

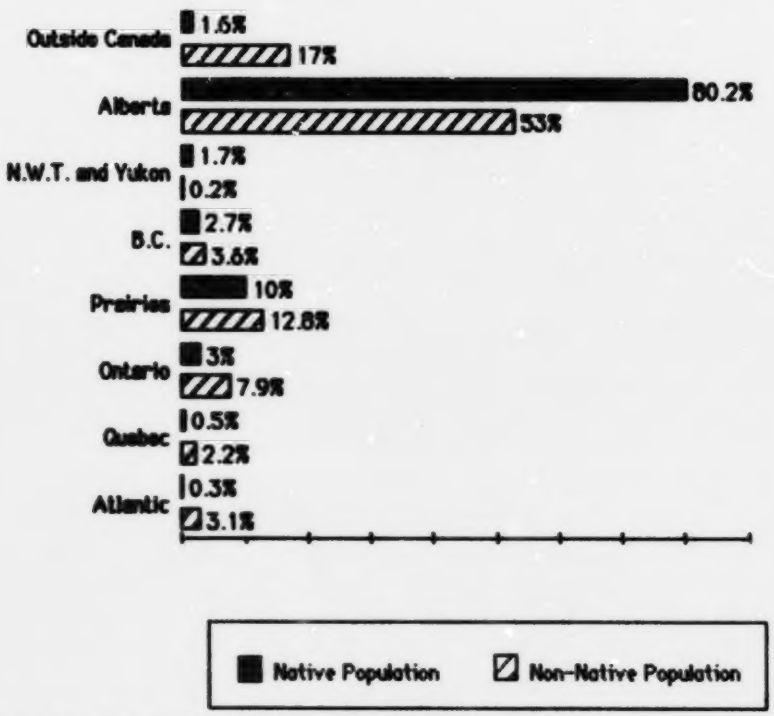
DISTRIBUTION OF NATIVE PERSONS BY AGE IN SELECTED CENSUS DIVISION, ALBERTA, 1981

| | CALGARY | | EDMONTON | | CD 12 (NORTHEAST) | | CD 15 (NORTHWEST) | | CD 3 (SOUTHWEST) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Age | No. | % | No. | % | No | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Less than 5 years | 905 | 12.4 | 1505 | 12.5 | 1780 | 14.9 | 2260 | 13.8 | 545 | 12.2 |
| 5 - 14 | 1710 | 23.4 | 3170 | 26.4 | 3410 | 28.5 | 4900 | 29.9 | 1240 | 27.7 |
| 15 - 19 | 835 | 11.4 | 1310 | 10.9 | 1585 | 13.2 | 2155 | 13.1 | 690 | 15.4 |
| 20 - 34 | 2620 | 35.8 | 3635 | 30.3 | 2605 | 21.7 | 3585 | 21.9 | 1045 | 23.3 |
| 35 - 49 | 910 | 12.4 | 1505 | 12.5 | 1345 | 11.2 | 1960 | 12.0 | 575 | 12.8 |
| 50 - 64 | 265 | 3.6 | 675 | 5.6 | 735 | 6.1 | 900 | 5.5 | 245 | 5.5 |
| Over 65 | 75 | 1.0 | 220 | 1.8 | 525 | 4.4 | 630 | 3.8 | 140 | 3.1 |
| TOTAL | 7320 | 100.0 | 12020 | 100.0 | 11985 | 100.0 | 16395 | 100.0 | 4480 | 100.0 |

SOURCE; Statistics Canada, 1981 Census.

**Figure 5**

**Native and Non-Native Populations by Place of Birth, Alberta, 1981**

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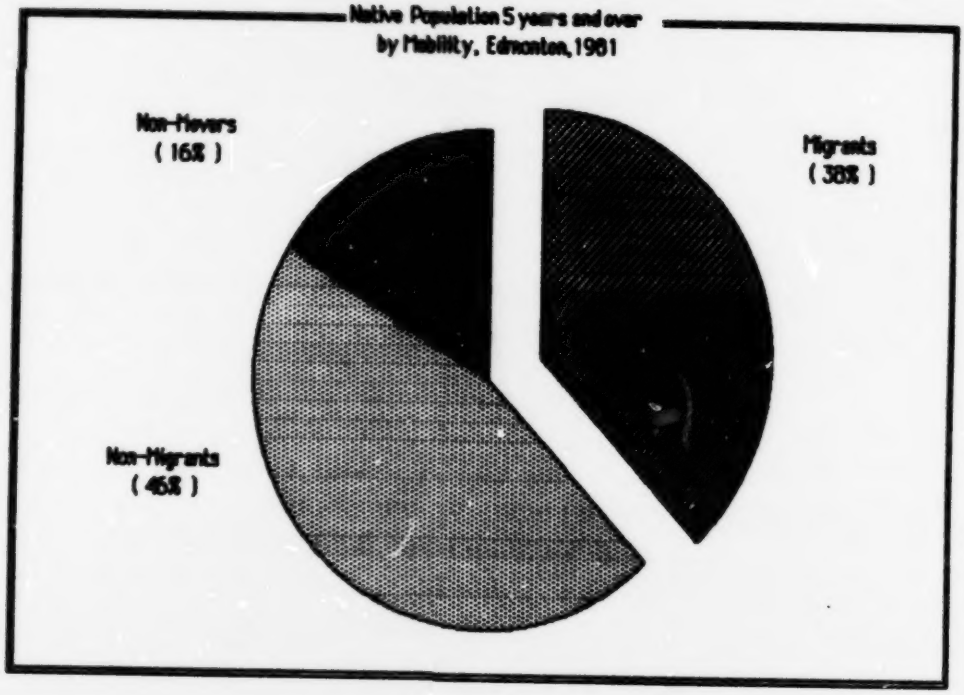


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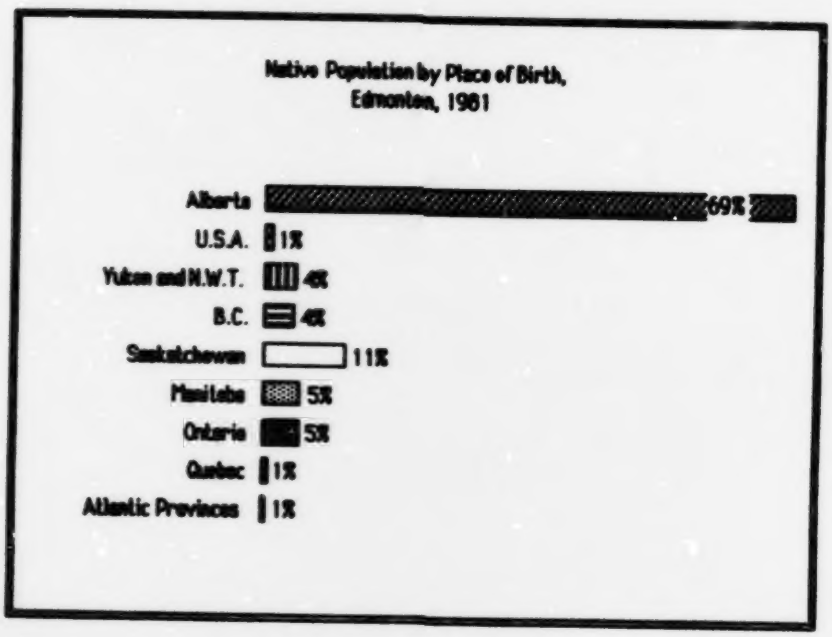


## II. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Data on the levels of educational attainment of Native persons 15 years and over are presented in Figure 7 and Table 9, 10 and 11. As Figure 7 and Table 9 indicates, on average the highest level of education attained by Native persons in each subgroup (i.e. Inuit, Status Indian, Non-Status Indian and Metis) was significantly lower than non-Natives, according to the 1981 Census. For example, while approximately 12% of Alberta's non-Native population had not continued their schooling beyond Grade 8, over 35% of the Native population had less than a Grade 8 education. At the other extreme, 11% of the non-Native population were university graduates compared with only 2% of the Native population.

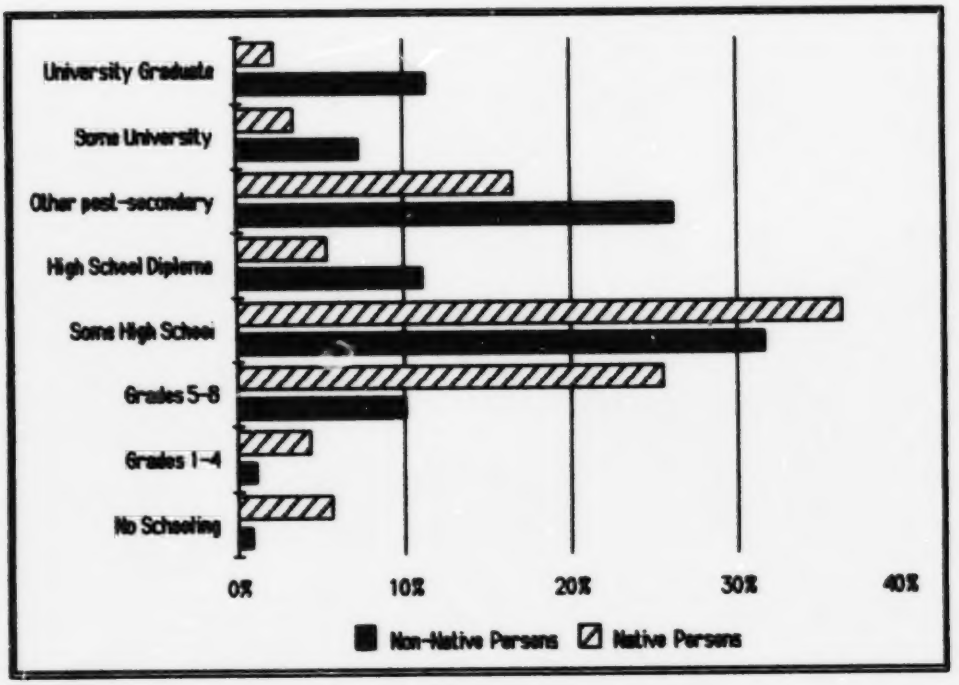
Table 10 compares the level of educational attainment of Natives and non-Natives residing in urban and rural settings. As might be expected, rural Natives show a lower level of education than urban Natives. For example, while approximately 14% of Calgary's Native population had less than Grade 8 education, over 50% of the Native population in rural northwestern Alberta (Census Division 15) had not continued their schooling beyond Grade 8. As well, the disparities between Native and non-Native people are more pronounced among rural residents. Rural Natives had nearly five times the proportion of persons with less than Grade 5 than did rural non-Natives. Urban Natives had approximately two times the proportion of persons in the same category as did urban non-Natives.

Table 11 shows differences among age groups for the three prairie provinces. Young Natives had higher levels of education than did other age groups. For example, the proportion of Native persons aged 15-29 which had less than Grade 8 education was significantly lower than for the older age groups. In other words, the numbers of Native persons who have received some education at the high school level and beyond has increased over time.

Of particular note, given the divided jurisdiction for education, are the variations in levels of educational attainment among the Native subgroups. Consistently, Status Indians show a higher proportion of persons in the lowest levels of educational attainment than the other Native groups. Over 40% of Status Indians had less than Grade 8 education compared with 31% of the Metis and Non-Status population and 18% among the Inuit.

Figure 8

Highest Level of Educational Attainment,
Native and Non-Native Persons, Alberta, 1981




Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 1981

Table 9

DISTRIBUTION OF NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE PERSONS 15 YEARS AND OVER
BY HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ALBERTA, 1981
(IN PERCENTAGES)

| | NON-NATIVE | ALL NATIVE | INUIT | STATUS INDIAN | NON-STATUS AND METIS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No Schooling | .90 | 5.63 | 3.33 | 6.81 | 4.54 |
| Grades 1 - 4 | 1.16 | 4.34 | 3.33 | 4.14 | 4.52 |
| Grades 5 - 8 | 10.06 | 25.70 | 11.67 | 29.46 | 22.32 |
| Some high school | 31.73 | 30.53 | 36.67 | 34.30 | 38.63 |
| High school Diploma | 11.19 | 5.42 | 16.67 | 4.28 | 6.35 |
| Other non-university trades, certificates, etc. | 26.21 | 16.62 | 18.33 | 15.46 | 17.73 |
| Some university | 7.34 | 3.50 | 5.00 | 3.82 | 3.18 |
| University grad. | 11.41 | 2.26 | 3.33 | 1.73 | 2.73 |

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census.

Note: Percentages may not total to 100 due to rounding

Table 10

DISTRIBUTION OF NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE PERSONS 15 YEARS AND OVER BY HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT IN SELECTED CENSUS DIVISIONS, ALBERTA, 1981 (IN PERCENTAGES)

| | CALGARY | | EDMONTON | | CD 12 (NORTHEAST) | | CD 15 (NORTHWEST) | | CD 3 (SOUTHWEST) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LEVEL OF SCHOOLING | NON-NATIVE | NATIVE | NON-NATIVE | NATIVE | NON-NATIVE | NATIVE | NON-NATIVE | NATIVE | NON-NATIVE | NATIVE |
| No schooling | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 9.1 | 1.3 | 10.0 | 0.8 | 5.7 |
| Grade 1 - 4 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 5.4 | 1.8 | 7.0 | 0.9 | 2.8 |
| Grades 5 - 8 | 6.5 | 12.2 | 8.7 | 19.6 | 12.1 | 27.9 | 14.9 | 33.8 | 13.3 | 26.5 |
| Grade 9 - 12 | 28.7 | 38.4 | 28.5 | 38.3 | 32.5 | 35.5 | 35.7 | 32.9 | 35.5 | 42.8 |
| High School Diploma | 11.0 | 8.6 | 11.6 | 7.9 | 11.0 | 3.4 | 11.0 | 2.6 | 10.5 | 5.2 |
| Other non-university diploma | 27.7 | 27.0 | 26.7 | 20.1 | 26.6 | 14.8 | 23.5 | 11.5 | 23.5 | 10.7 |
| Some university | 9.9 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 6.9 | 5.0 |
| University grad. | 15.1 | 5.9 | 13.5 | 3.8 | 8.6 | 0.8 | 7.3 | 0.7 | 8.8 | 0.9 |

NOTE: Columns may not total 100% due to rounding.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census.

TABLE 11

Distribution of Native and Non-Native Persons by Highest Level of Educational Attainment, Type of Native and Age Group, Prairie Region, 1981
(in percentages)

| Highest Level of Education | Status | Non-Status | Metis | Non-Native |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Age 15-29 | | | | |
| Less than grade 5 | 2.56 | 2.43 | 2.31 | 0.48 |
| Grade 5-8 | 35.17 | 22.01 | 23.51 | 4.01 |
| Grade 9-12 without certificate | 42.67 | 43.71 | 47.36 | 34.91 |
| Grade 9-12 with certificate | 4.08 | 7.30 | 7.53 | 18.22 |
| Trade certificate or diploma | 1.14 | 2.33 | 1.47 | 2.00 |
| Other non-university without certificate | 4.95 | 7.10 | 5.65 | 7.15 |
| Other non-university with certificate | 5.22 | 8.72 | 7.59 | 16.10 |
| University without degree | 3.53 | 3.96 | 3.34 | 9.05 |
| University with degree | 0.68 | 2.43 | 1.24 | 8.08 |
| TOTAL | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Age 30-64 | | | | |
| Less than grade 5 | 23.36 | 18.88 | 18.47 | 1.93 |
| Grade 5-8 | 37.52 | 25.94 | 35.36 | 15.57 |
| Grade 9-12 without certificate | 17.25 | 22.64 | 22.60 | 29.05 |
| Grade 9-12 with certificate | 1.27 | 3.64 | 2.36 | 7.48 |
| Trade certificate or diploma | 1.88 | 3.30 | 2.55 | 3.58 |
| Other non-university without certificate | 4.17 | 4.89 | 4.78 | 5.56 |
| Other non-university with certificate | 7.94 | 11.26 | 8.62 | 17.82 |
| University without degree | 5.03 | 4.44 | 3.48 | 8.48 |
| University with degree | 1.58 | 5.01 | 1.78 | 10.53 |
| TOTAL | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Table 11 (Cont'd)

| Highest Level of Education | Status | Non-Status | Metis | Non-Native |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Age 65 and over | | | | |
| Less than grade 5 | 66.75 | 57.14 | 56.16 | 14.65 |
| Grade 5-8 | 25.2 | 30.58 | 30.45 | 38.13 |
| Grade 9-12 without certificate | 5.94 | 4.77 | 8.42 | 23.03 |
| Grade 9-12 with certificate | 0.26 | 1.90 | 0.86 | 3.95 |
| Trade certificate or diploma | 0.13 | 1.90 | 0.65 | 2.58 |
| Other non-university without certificate | 0.53 | -- | 0.86 | 4.04 |
| Other non-university with certificate | 0.66 | 1.90 | 1.73 | 6.79 |
| University without degree | 0.40 | -- | 0.65 | 4.21 |
| University with degree | 0.13 | 1.90 | 0.22 | 2.61 |
| TOTAL | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Source: Statistics Canada, Canada Census, 1981.

## III. LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY

According to the 1981 Census, 41,805 Native persons were of working age (i.e. 15 years of age or older). Of those in the labour force group, 21,670 were employed or looking for work. This means that the labour force participation rate for Native persons was 51.8% compared to 71.7% for all Albertans (Table 12 and Table 8).

In June 1981, there were 2,480 Native people unemployed resulting in an unemployment rate of 11.4%. The unemployment rate for all Alberta was 3.7%. Unemployment rates combined with low participation rates resulted in the employment of 45.6% of those Native people who are of working age compared with 69.1% of all Albertans.

The high proportion of Natives under 15 years of age mask further employment-related problems. Only one quarter of all Natives under 65 years of age were employed in June 1981 compared to more than half of the total Alberta population. This means that twice as many people under 65 are supported by each employed Native, than is the case in the general Alberta population.

The differences between Alberta's Native and non-Native population are most pronounced among women. The participation rate for Native women in 1981 was 39.6% compared with 58.7% for the non-Native women (Figure 9).

When comparing the labour force experiences of the major Native sub-groups (i.e. Inuit, Status Indians, Non-status Indians, and Metis), it should be noted that the participation rate is lowest among the Status Indians (45%) and highest for the Non-status Indians (64.1%). The unemployment rate was similar for three groups ranging from 11.4% for the Metis to 11.6% for Status Indians and 11.8% for Non-status Indians. The Inuit, with a total working age population of only 300 experienced an unemployment rate of 2.6%.

The Canadian Labour Force Survey for the month of August 1984, reported an unemployment rate of 11% for Alberta as a whole, with regional variations ranging from 7.7% in southeastern Alberta to 14.5% in Metropolitan Edmonton. The 15 - 19 year old age group recorded an unemployment rate of 16%. Eighteen percent of males in that age group were unemployed in August. While the Labour Force Survey does not report ethnicity, given the age structure of the Native population and the lower levels of educational attainment among Natives, it is very likely that the current economic recession is having its most profound effect on Native people in general and on young males in particular.

The pattern of Native labour force involvement differs between rural and urban settings (Table 13). Native participation rates in the three sample rural census divisions are on average 8.5 percentage points lower than for the total Native population in Alberta. In Calgary and Edmonton the Native labour force participation rates were approximately 19 and 11 points higher respectively than the total Alberta Native labour force rates.

Unemployment rates among rural Natives were nearly four times higher than those for rural non-Natives. In Edmonton and Calgary the Native unemployment rates were about 2.5 times higher than non-Natives.

Table 14 indicates the occupations of Natives persons and all Albertans who worked at least one week in 1980 or the first five months of 1981. Native persons comprised 2.6% of the total population aged 15 - 64 years, but accounted for only 2% of those who worked at all during that period.

Compared to their 2% share of all those employed, Natives made up a much smaller share of several occupational categories: Natural Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics (0.8%), Managerial or Administrative (0.9%), Medicine and Health (1%), Teaching and Related (1.1%), Sales (1.1%), and Clerical (1.4%). On the other hand, Natives are well represented in several other occupational categories: Social Sciences (3.5%), Service (3.4%), Oil and Gas Field (3.4%), Construction Trades (3.4%) and Materials Handling (2.8%).

Native people are disproportionately represented in Fishing and Trapping occupations (41.2%) and Forestry and Logging occupations (25.8%). With respect to fishing and trapping, it is interesting to note that while 41% of those employed in these activities were of Native ancestry, they accounted for only .5% of the total employed Native population.

TABLE 12

NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY, ALBERTA, 1981

| | Population 15 Years & Over | Employed | Unemployed | Participation Rate | Unemployment Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERTA | | | | | |
| Both | 1,672,620 | 1,155,650 | 44,320 | 71.74 | 3.69 |
| Male | 854,360 | 699,740 | 23,995 | 84.71 | 3.32 |
| Female | 818,265 | 455,910 | 20,335 | 58.20 | 4.27 |
| Non-Native | | | | | |
| Both | 1,630,815 | 1,136,460 | 41,835 | 72.25 | 3.55 |
| Male | 834,390 | 688,295 | 22,410 | 85.18 | 3.15 |
| Female | 796,420 | 448,160 | 19,430 | 58.71 | 4.16 |
| Native | | | | | |
| Both | 41,805 | 19,190 | 2,485 | 51.84 | 11.46 |
| Male | 20,070 | 11,445 | 1,585 | 64.92 | 12.16 |
| Female | 21,845 | 7,750 | 905 | 39.62 | 10.45 |
| Inuit | | | | | |
| Both | 300 | 185 | 5 | 63.33 | 2.63 |
| Male | 170 | 130 | - | 79.41 | - |
| Female | 135 | 50 | 5 | 40.74 | 9.09 |
| Status | | | | | |
| Both | 20,270 | 8,060 | 1,055 | 44.97 | 11.57 |
| Male | 9,550 | 4,820 | 660 | 57.38 | 12.04 |
| Female | 10,720 | 3,245 | 390 | 33.91 | 10.73 |
| Non-Status | | | | | |
| Both | 5,570 | 3,150 | 420 | 64.09 | 11.76 |
| Male | 2,725 | 1,815 | 250 | 75.78 | 12.11 |
| Female | 2,825 | 1,335 | 170 | 52.90 | 11.30 |
| Metis | | | | | |
| Both | 15,665 | 7,795 | 1,000 | 56.14 | 11.37 |
| Male | 7,525 | 4,685 | 665 | 71.10 | 12.43 |
| Female | 8,140 | 3,115 | 330 | 42.38 | 9.57 |

Source: Statistics Canada , 1981 Census

Figure 9

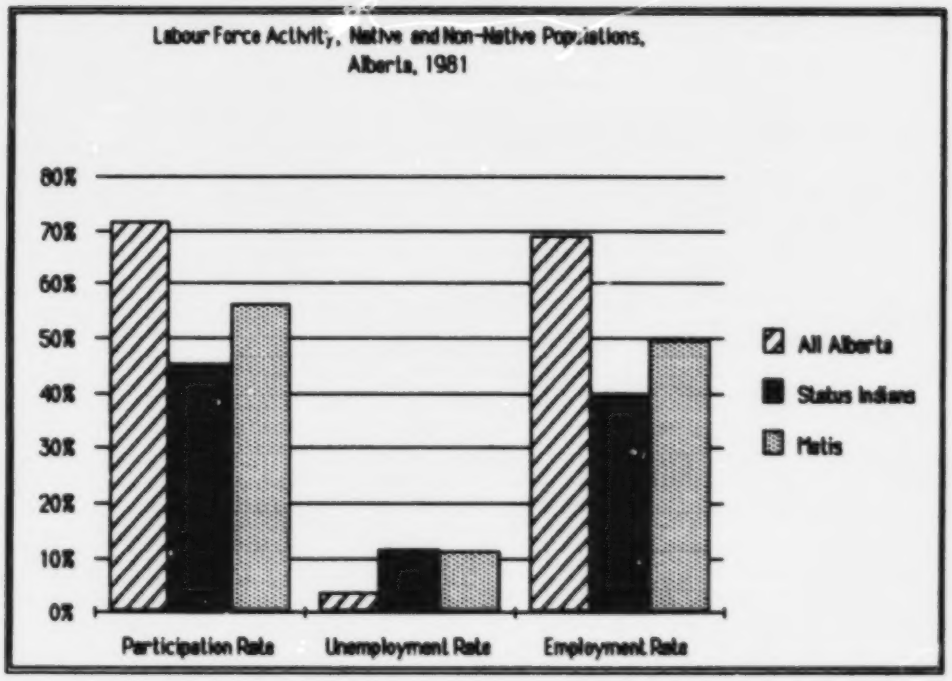



Figure 10

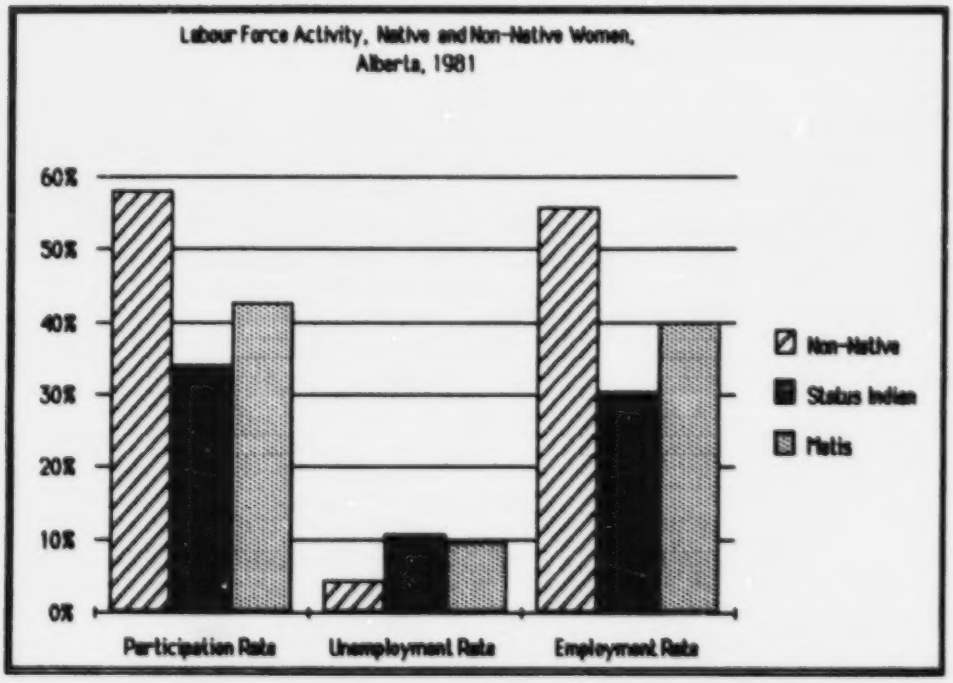


TABLE 13

NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY IN SELECTED CENSUS DIVISIONS, ALBERTA 1981

| | CALGARY | | EDMONTON | | CD 12 (North-east) | | CD 15 (North-west) | | CD 3 (South-west) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Non-Native | Native | Non-Native | Native | Non-Native | Native | Non Native | Native | Non-Native | Native |
| Population 15 years and over | 455,655 | 4,700 | 412,125 | 7,300 | 50,940 | 6,795 | 78,785 | 9,235 | 21,980 | 2,700 |
| Employed | 334,120 | 3,075 | 294,040 | 4,035 | 34,830 | 2,510 | 53,355 | 3,420 | 13,865 | 920 |
| Unemployed | 10,955 | 255 | 12,145 | 500 | 1,525 | 410 | 2,135 | 660 | 375 | 145 |
| In Labour Force | 345,080 | 3,3251 | 306,190 | 4,540 | 36,355 | 2,920 | 55,470 | 4,085 | 14,240 | 1,060 |
| Not In Labour Force | 110,680 | 1,380 | 105,935 | 2,790 | 14,585 | 3,875 | 23,315 | 5,155 | 7,740 | 1,640 |
| Participation Rate | 75.7% | 70.7% | 74.3% | 62.2% | 71.4% | 43.0% | 70.4% | 44.2% | 64.8% | 39.3% |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2% | 7.7% | 4.0% | 11.0% | 4.2% | 14.0% | 3.8% | 16.2% | 2.6% | 13.7% |

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census

TABLE 14

OCCUPATIONS OF NATIVE PERSONS AND ALL ALBERTANS
1981

| Occupational Group | NATIVE PERSONS | NATIVES AS % OF ALL ALBERTANS | ALL ALBERTANS | NATIVES IN OCCUPATION GROUP AS A % OF ALL NATIVES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Managerial or Administrative and Related | 1,125 | 0.9% | 121,420 | 4.2% |
| Natural Sciences, Engineering & Mathematics | 470 | 0.8% | 56,830 | 1.7% |
| Social Sciences and Related Fields | 770 | 4.0% | 19,345 | 2.9% |
| Religion | 30 | 1.2% | 2,580 | 0.1% |
| Teaching & Related | 505 | 1.1% | 48,015 | 1.9% |
| Medicine & Health | 500 | 1.0% | 50,595 | 1.8% |
| Artistic Literary, Recreational & Related | 230 | 1.5% | 15,105 | 0.8% |
| Clerical & Related | 3,520 | 1.5% | 250,390 | 13.2% |
| Sales | 1,270 | 1.4% | 120,790 | 4.8% |
| Service | 5,320 | 3.4% | 156,875 | 20.4% |
| Farming Horticulture and Husbandry | 1,215 | 1.5% | 79,760 | 4.6% |
| Fishing, Trapping and Related | 120 | 41.2% | 285 | 0.5% |
| Forestry and Logging | 965 | 25.8% | 3,745 | 3.6% |
| Mining and Quarrying Including Oil and Gas Field | 690 | 3.4% | 20,435 | 2.6% |
| Processing | 615 | 2.4% | 25,665 | 2.3% |
| Machining and Related | 535 | 1.9% | 27,645 | 2.0% |
| Product Fabricating, Assembly and Repairing | 1,235 | 1.9% | 65,205 | 4.6% |

(Table 14 continued)

| | NATIVE PERSONS | NATIVES AS % OF ALL ALBERTANS | ALL ALBERTANS | NATIVES IN OCCUPATION GROUP AS A % OF ALL NATIVES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Construction Trades | 4,180 | 3.4% | 122,755 | 15.7% |
| Transport Equipment Operating | 1,270 | 2.3% | 54,630 | 4.8% |
| Material Handling and Related, not elsewhere classified | 820 | 2.8% | 21,680 | 3.1% |
| Other Crafts and Equipment Operating | 195 | 1.5% | 13,405 | 0.7% |
| Occupations Not Elsewhere Classified | 955 | 5.3% | 17,860 | 3.7% |
| Total who worked in 1980 or early 1981 | 26,545 | 2.0% | 1,295,020 | 100% |
| In Labour Force but did not work at anytime in 1980 or early 1981 | 350 | 7.5% | 4,695 | |
| Not in Labour Force at anytime in 1980 or early 1981 | 12,795 | 5.7% | 226,310 | |
| Total Population 15 - 64 years of age | 39,690 | 2.6% | 1,526,020 | |

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Canada Census 1981

Table 15

OCCUPATIONS OF NATIVE PERSONS AND ALL ALBERTANS IN SELECTED CENSUS DIVISIONS, ALBERTA 1981

| | CALGARY | | | EDMONTON | | | CD 12 (North-east) | | | CD 15 (North-west) | | | CD 3 (South-west) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Albertans | Native | % | Albertans | Native | % | Albertans | Native | % | Albertans | Native | % | Albertans | Native | % |
| Managerial, Technical & Professional | 102,090 | 580 | 0.5% | 81,615 | 710 | 0.9% | 7,885 | 450 | 5.7% | 11,480 | 580 | 5.0% | 3,425 | 165 | 4.8% |
| Clerical & Related | 76,380 | 630 | 0.8% | 68,135 | 775 | 1.1% | 5,200 | 235 | 4.5% | 8,020 | 405 | 5.0% | 1,655 | 125 | 7.6% |
| Sales | 35,385 | 215 | 0.6% | 30,240 | 225 | 0.7% | 2,405 | 75 | 3.1% | 4,125 | 125 | 3.0% | 1,175 | 20 | 1.7% |
| Services | 37,555 | 610 | 1.6% | 35,930 | 875 | 2.4% | 6,455 | 510 | 7.9% | 5,985 | 705 | 11.8% | 1,455 | 115 | 8.0% |
| Fishing, Trapping and Related | 5 | 0 | 0% | 10 | 0 | 0% | 55 | 30 | 54.5% | 80 | 30 | 37.5% | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Forestry, Logging | 140 | 0 | 0% | 275 | 20 | 7.3% | 260 | 100 | 38.5% | 1,185 | 395 | 33.3% | 60 | 15 | 25.0% |
| Other Primary | 5,645 | 90 | 1.6% | 4,905 | 85 | 1.7% | 4,420 | 200 | 4.5% | 10,685 | 280 | 2.6% | 3,615 | 195 | 5.4% |
| Processing | 5,846 | 55 | 0.9% | 6,660 | 70 | 1.1% | 815 | 50 | 6.1% | 1,535 | 180 | 11.7% | 350 | 20 | 5.7% |
| Machinery, Fabrication Assembly & Repair | 24,645 | 280 | 1.1% | 25,800 | 385 | 1.5% | 3,185 | 225 | 7.1% | 4,355 | 155 | 3.6% | 975 | 50 | 5.1% |
| Construction | 33,865 | 480 | 1.4% | 28,565 | 775 | 2.7% | 4,795 | 535 | 11.2% | 5,930 | 570 | 9.6% | 1,455 | 205 | 14.1% |
| Transportation | 13,060 | 160 | 1.2% | 13,355 | 260 | 1.9% | 1,665 | 140 | 8.4% | 3,280 | 160 | 4.8% | 590 | 55 | 8.5% |
| Other | 12,680 | 210 | 1.6% | 13,805 | 300 | 2.1% | 1,845 | 300 | 16.2% | 2,660 | 425 | 15.9% | 465 | 60 | 12.9% |
| TOTAL: | 347,200 | 3,310 | 0.9% | 309,290 | 4,475 | 1.4% | 38,985 | 2,850 | 7.3% | 59,320 | 4,010 | 6.7% | 15,225 | 1,020 | 6.7% |

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census

## IV. INCOME LEVELS

According to the 1981 Census, the average income for Native private households from all sources was $20,555.00 compared with $28,186.00 for non-Native households. Table 16 and Figure 10 show the distribution of Native and non-Native households by income groups. Forty-four percent of Native households had incomes in 1980 of less than $15,000.00. This compares with 28% of non-Native households. Similarly, 61% of non-Native households had incomes of $20,000.00 or more in 1980 while 42% of Native households recorded incomes of that magnitude.

Table 17 indicates differences in income between urban and rural Natives. As might be expected, rural Natives tended to have lower incomes than did urban Natives. Significantly, 27% of rural Natives reported no income compared with less than 16% among urban dwellers.

Tables 18 and 19 depict more graphically the income disparities between the Native and non-Native populations. Forty-one percent of all Natives 15 years and over were without income or reported government transfer payments as their major source of income. This compares with just over 20% of the total Alberta population in 1981. On the other hand, 56% of the Native population reported employment as their major source of income compared to 73% of the total population. Average income from employment among Native people was $10,928 as opposed to $15,935 for the total population.

Table 16

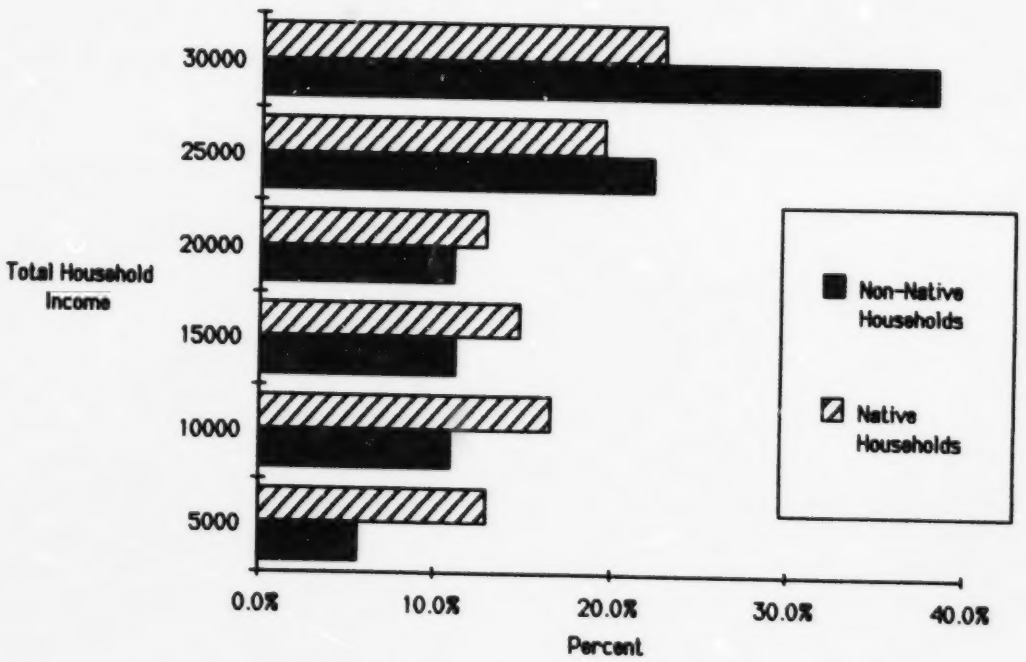
NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE HOUSEHOLD 1980 INCOME, ALBERTA, 1981

| HOUSEHOLD INCOME | Total Private Households | % | Non-Native Households | % | Native Private Households | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under $2,000 | 19,815 | 2.6 | 18,495 | 2.5 | 1,320 | 6.1 |
| $2,000 - $4,999 | 25,075 | 3.3 | 23,580 | 3.2 | 1,495 | 6.9 |
| $5,000 - $9,999 | 84,705 | 11.2 | 81,120 | 11.0 | 3,590 | 16.7 |
| $10,000 - $14,999 | 85,970 | 11.3 | 82,785 | 11.2 | 3,185 | 14.8 |
| $15,000 - $19,999 | 84,590 | 11.2 | 81,810 | 11.1 | 2,780 | 12.9 |
| $20,000 - $29,999 | 169,295 | 22.3 | 165,070 | 22.4 | 4,225 | 19.6 |
| $30,000 and over | 288,785 | 38.1 | 283,845 | 38.5 | 4,940 | 22.9 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS | 758,235 | | 736,705 | | 21,540 | |

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census.

**Figure 11**

Native and Non-Native 1980 Household Income, Alberta, 1981




Source: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census

Table 17

INCOME DISTRIBUTION AMONG NATIVE PEOPLE 15 YEARS AND OVER,
SELECTED CENSUS DIVISION, ALBERTA, 1981

| INCOME LEVELS | CALGARY | | EDMONTON | | CD 12 (NORTHEAST) | | CD 15 (NORTHWEST) | | CD 3 SOUTHWEST) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| 0-$4,999 | 1285 | 27.3 | 2140 | 29.2 | 2145 | 31.6 | 1995 | 32.4 | 820 | 30.4 |
| $5,000-$9,999 | 880 | 18.7 | 1495 | 20.4 | 1375 | 20.2 | 1975 | 21.4 | 325 | 12.0 |
| $10,000-$14,999 | 735 | 15.6 | 1075 | 14.7 | 640 | 9.4 | 810 | 8.8 | 225 | 8.3 |
| $15,000-$19,999 | 410 | 8.7 | 615 | 8.4 | 315 | 4.6 | 415 | 4.5 | 75 | 2.8 |
| Over $20,000 | 675 | 14.3 | 835 | 11.4 | 460 | 6.8 | 550 | 5.9 | 165 | 6.1 |
| TOTAL WITH INCOME | 3985 | 84.7 | 6160 | 84.0 | 4935 | 72.6 | 6745 | 73.0 | 1620 | 60 |
| WITHOUT INCOME | 720 | 15.3 | 1170 | 16.0 | 1860 | 27.4 | 2495 | 27.0 | 1080 | 40 |
| TOTAL | 4705 | 100.0 | 7330 | 100.0 | 6795 | 100.0 | 9240 | 100.0 | 2700 | 100.0 |

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census.

TABLE 18

NATIVE PEOPLE 15 YEARS AND OVER
BY MAJOR SOURCE OF INCOME, ALBERTA, 1981

| Major Source of Income | TOTAL POPULATION | | NATIVE POPULATION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage |
| Without income | 205,625 | 12% | 9,725 | 23% |
| Income from employment | 1,216,035 | 73% | 23,430 | 56% |
| Income from government transfer payments | 142,425 | 8.5% | 7,645 | 18% |
| Income from other sources | 108,540 | 6.5% | 1,010 | 3% |
| **TOTAL** | **1,672,625** | **100%** | **41,800** | **100%** |

Source: Statistics Canada 1981 Census

TABLE 19

AVERAGE INCOME BY MAJOR SOURCE
OF INCOME, ALBERTA, 1981

| Major Source of Income | TOTAL POPULATION | NATIVE POPULATION |
|---|---|---|
| Income from Employment | $15,935 | $10,928 |
| Income from government Transfer payments | $5,023 | $4,780 |

Source: Statistics Canada, 1981 Census

# 1981 Census Question Concerning Ethnicity.

NAME OF PERSON 2

Last name | Given name and initial

**23.** Where were you born? (Mark according to present boundaries.)

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**IN CANADA** *Mark one box only*

01 ☐ Nfld.
02 ☐ P.E.I.
03 ☐ N.S.
04 ☐ N.B.
05 ☐ Que.
06 ☐ Ont.
07 ☐ Man.
08 ☐ Sask.
09 ☐ Alta.
10 ☐ B.C.
11 ☐ Yukon
12 ☐ N.W.T.

**OUTSIDE CANADA** *Mark one box only*

13 ☐ United Kingdom
14 ☐ Italy
15 ☐ U.S.A.
16 ☐ West Germany
17 ☐ East Germany
18 ☐ Poland

Other (specify)

19 [ ]

**24.** Of what country are you a citizen?

*Mark as many boxes as apply*

20 ☐ Canada, by birth ▶ *Go to Question 26*
21 ☐ Canada, by naturalization
22 ☐ Same as country of birth (other than Canada) ▶ *Go to Question 26*
23 ☐ Other

**25.** In what year did you first immigrate to Canada?

*Print year below*

*If exact year is not known, please enter best estimate.*

24 [ ] Year

**26.** To which ethnic or cultural group did you or your ancestors belong on first coming to the continent?

*(See Guide for further information.)*

25 ☐ French
26 ☐ English
27 ☐ Irish
28 ☐ Scottish
29 ☐ German
30 ☐ Italian
31 ☐ Ukrainian
32 ☐ Dutch (Netherlands)
33 ☐ Polish
34 ☐ Jewish
35 ☐ Chinese

Native Peoples

37 ☐ Inuit
38 ☐ Status or registered Indian
39 ☐ Non-status Indian
40 ☐ Métis

36 [ ] Other (specify)

**27.** What is your religion?

*Mark one box only*

41 ☐ Roman Catholic
42 ☐ United Church
43 ☐ Anglican
44 ☐ Presbyterian
45 ☐ Lutheran
46 ☐ Baptist
47 ☐ Greek Orthodox
48 ☐ Jewish
49 ☐ Ukrainian Catholic
50 ☐ Pentecostal
51 ☐ Jehovah's Witnesses
52 ☐ Mennonite
53 ☐ Salvation Army
54 ☐ Islam
55 ☐ No religion

56 [ ] Other (specify)

**28.** What language do you yourself speak at home now? (If more than one language, which language do you speak most often?)

*Mark one box only*

57 ☐ English
58 ☐ French
59 ☐ German
60 ☐ Italian
61 ☐ Ukrainian
62 [ ] Other (specify)

**29.** Can you speak English or French well enough to conduct a conversation?

*(See Guide for further information.)*

*Mark one box only*

63 ☐ English only
64 ☐ French only
65 ☐ Both English and French
66 ☐ Neither English nor French

**30.** Were you born before June 3, 1966?

☐ No ▶ END HERE FOR THIS PERSON
☐ Yes ▶ *Continue with Questions 31 to 46*

**31.** What is the highest grade or year of secondary (high) or elementary school you ever attended?

*(See Guide for further information.)*

67 ☐ No schooling or kindergarten only

OR

68 [ ] Highest grade or year (1 to 13) of secondary or elementary school

**32.** How many years of education have you ever completed at university?

69 ☐ None
70 ☐ Less than 1 year (of completed courses)
71 [ ] Number of completed years

**33.** How many years of schooling have you ever completed at an institution other than a university, secondary (high) or elementary school? Include years of schooling at community colleges, institutes of technology, CEGEPs (general and professional), private trade schools or private business colleges, diploma schools of nursing, etc.

*(See Guide for further information.)*

72 ☐ None
73 ☐ Less than 1 year (of completed courses)
74 [ ] Number of completed years

**34.** What degrees, certificates or diplomas have you ever obtained?

*(See Guide for further information.)*

*Mark as many boxes as apply*

75 ☐ None
76 ☐ Secondary (high) school graduation certificate
77 ☐ Trades certificate or diploma
78 ☐ Other non-university certificate or diploma (obtained at community college, CEGEP, institute of technology, etc.)
79 ☐ University certificate or diploma below bachelor level
80 ☐ Bachelor's degree(s) (e.g., B.A., B.Sc., B.A.Sc., LL.B.)
81 ☐ University certificate or diploma above bachelor level
82 ☐ Master's degree(s) (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed.)
83 ☐ Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry (M.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.V.M., O.D.)
84 ☐ Earned doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Ed.)